



Brian and Marguerite Humphrey, a mime team tell the story of the barren fig tree. The Humphreys did theme interpretations from biblical parables for the student convention. He is a graduate drama student at Baylor University; she is a teacher.

## Baptist Student Union votes \$68,000 for missions

By Tim Nicholas

The Mississippi Baptist Student Union, in convention in Tupelo last weekend, voted to sponsor 68 of their number in student missions in 1984 and to raise \$68,000 to support the student missions program.

A total of 650 students from the 26 Mississippi campuses on which there is Baptist student work, heard Calvin Miller, Ralph Neighbour, and Peter McLeod who were featured speakers during their annual convention which this year was held at Harrisburg Church in Tupelo. In a special decision service Saturday evening there were six professions of faith, 22 decisions for missions, and 15 for church vocations, among the 63 total decisions made.

Students voted the recommendations of their state student missions committee, composed of students and BSU advisors. In addition to asking the Foreign Mission Board for 16 slots in nine countries (including eight positions in Israel), the BSU is asking the Home Mission Board for 36 positions across the nation, plus 6-9 positions to work on a special project as a performing group during the 1984 Olympic in Los Angeles. The foreign assignments include three semester missions jobs: two January-June and one June-December of 1984. Work in home and foreign assignments range from general missions to resort work to camp counseling to Bible teaching to minis-

try among the aging.

Students voted an average from money the students gave for the 1983 student missions budget be used for the semester missions opportunities, for mission projects by the campus groups, to send BSU presidents from predominantly black schools in the state to summer training in Nashville, and to send to Robbie Richardson a stipend as she serves as a Mission Service Corps worker at the University Baptist Church, Ames, Iowa. The average total, \$15,744.55.

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Mississippi BSU president Ricky Young, a student at Mississippi College, talks with speaker Ralph Neighbour.



Richard Jones, a student at Mississippi Delta Junior College, jokes with speakers Calvin Miller and Peter McLeod.

## Preachers head "help wanted" list in foreign mission work

By Marty Croll

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Southern Baptist missionaries have told the Foreign Mission Board nearly three-fourths of their most urgent needs are for preachers and church developers.

The missionaries, from 101 countries, sent their message in the form of 484 requests for preachers, church starters, and other specialists in evangelism.

Area directors who oversee missions work outlined these needs and others Sept. 15-16 in an annual meeting with the board's personnel selection representatives, who identify and process new missionaries.

This year's review focused more closely than in years past on needs directly involved in evangelism and starting churches. Missions, the organizations of Southern Baptist missionaries in each country, were instructed to pare personnel requests to include only most urgent needs.

Last year 817 requests came in from the field, and only about 18 percent of them have been filled. This year the board hopes to direct attention to the fields' most critical needs, explained Charles Bryan, senior vice president for overseas operations. So missions zeroed in on only 657 needs for the coming year.

Area directors stressed the number of appointments is actually a secondary factor in reaching the world for Christ. The most important thing, they noted, is that missionary fits into the strategy of the mission to which is assigned.

Personnel officials agreed. "What we're saying is that we need more people whom God is calling and who are qualified for these specific positions of Christian leadership," said Louis Cobbs, director of personnel selection. "These high-priority requests are at the cutting edge of where God is leading and where people are responding."

Area directors used the missions' priority lists to draw up their own priorities according to the plans they have for world areas. In some areas evangelists were not the number one priority, but in all areas evangelists were, numerically, the most requested type of missionary.

In Middle America and the Caribbean, for instance, the top priority need is for a bookstore manager to develop a religious literature service throughout the Dominican Republic. But of the other 14 priority requests, nine are for evangelists.

One of the more unusual requests came from Guyana, where national pastors need help in learning how to cope with their own family problems. The Guyana mission is seeking a family life counselor to work with pastors in a land where family life has deteriorated.

The first priority in Europe and the Middle East is for a bookstore manager in Morocco. The bookstore has been stocked with Bibles and offers a prime opportunity to witness to Arabs, said Isam Ballenger, area director. Other priorities in the area include 10 general evangelists, one to

Members of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee involved themselves in lengthy discussions on abortion and involvement with efforts of the National Council of Churches during their meeting last week in Nashville before deciding not to seek to initiate a new statement on abortion and deciding to join an effort coordinated by the National Council of Churches to oppose government in-

## Seminary sets capital needs

Trustees of Mississippi Baptist Seminary approved a \$350,000 Capital Needs Campaign and elected a new chairman in their September meeting in Jackson.

The campaign will be to raise finances for a 5,900-square-foot classroom and student facility on the Jackson campus at Lynch Street.

William P. Smith III, director of missions for Lee Association, was elected board chairman to fill the seat of Robert Jones who died in August. Jones was pastor of St. Elmo Missionary Baptist Church in Laurel.

The seminary, jointly operated by the Mississippi Baptist Convention and National Baptist groups, has developed a Master Plan to chart its building needs over a 15-year period. The plan includes a library, chapel, dormitory, and cafeteria to be added to the existing classroom-administration building.

The new capital needs campaign, according to seminary president Richard Brogan, will seek to identify 350 "giving units" such as individuals, churches, associations, or other groups, "which will pledge to give \$1,000 over a three-year period," said Brogan.

Plans include hiring a retired contractor and using volunteer labor from the black and white community. When a portion of the funds are raised, said Brogan, groundbreaking will be set.

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## Executive Committee

# Government interference meet voted

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## C. E. Price to lead lay group

By Mike Davis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)—C. E. Price, a layman in Pittsburgh, has been elected the first president of the Fellowship of Baptist Men.

Price, a retired Westinghouse executive who is presently second vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was elected Sept. 17 by the fellowships general counsel at the organization's initial meeting at the Brotherhood Commission headquarters in Memphis. He will serve a three-year term along with seven other officers elected at the September meeting.

Bill Rhodes, an Atlanta attorney, was elected first vice-president of the fellowship, and Jack Knox, a transportation executive in Germantown, Tenn., was elected recording secretary. James Smith, Brotherhood Commission president, will serve as treasurer of the fellowship as provided for in the organization's bylaws.

The four regional vice-presidents elected are: Russell Miller, Mountain Home, Ark.; Bill Poe, Charlotte, N.C.; Jack Deligans, Livermore, Calif.; and Drexel Myers, Trenton, Mich.

The officers and 12 other men will

make up the fellowship's executive committee. Three state Brotherhood directors and three Brotherhood Commission members were named to the executive committee. They are Mac Johnson, Brotherhood director in Alabama; Laddie Adams, Brotherhood director in Oklahoma; Bob Dixon, director of Texas Baptist Men; Don Green, Brotherhood Commission member from North Carolina; Don Donaldson, Brotherhood Commission member from Oklahoma; and Jim Gardner, Brotherhood Commission chairman.

The six remaining slots on the executive committee will be filled by presidents of state Baptist Men organizations.

The purpose of the fellowship is to promote witnessing and missions involvement among Southern Baptist men, help churches involve more men in witnessing and missions, work with Southern Baptist Convention agencies and state and associational organizations in involving more men in witnessing and missions, and encourage greater financial support in witnessing and missions.

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## Cameroun: volunteers needed

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

"Southern Baptists have no missionaries in the Cameroun, but I hope that soon they will send some," said Valentin Mbong, who was born in the Cameroun, in west equatorial Africa, but who for most of the past year has been a member of First Baptist Church, Jackson.

Mbong and his family recently moved to New Orleans, where he has enrolled at the Baptist seminary, First Baptist Church, Jackson, is assisting him with his school expenses. His dream is to return to the Cameroun to set up a training center, perhaps in Douala or Yaounde, to train pastors and laymen in Christian discipleship. "I want to teach people how to share their faith, and to set up evangelism teams to go out and start new churches."

"Many of the people there, even after they become Christians—even some of the pastors—retain their superstitions. I feel there is a great need for discipling," he said. "I want to help equip them with basic theological understanding and knowledge of how to apply the scripture to practical ministry."

And he added, "From the bottom of my heart I wish that Southern Baptists—First Baptist Church, Jackson, other Mississippi Baptists, or other churches or states—would send mission volunteers to the Cameroun—that a state or group would join with them in a partnership in missions."

"If volunteers would go and see the need, maybe that in turn would some day lead to the appointment of career missionaries there."

He said that nurses, doctors, singers, evangelists, are examples of teams needed to fill short-term volunteer assignments. Those who wish to know more about these needs, or make arrangements for filling them may contact Mbong at 5700 St. Anthony, Apt. 125, New Orleans, La. 70122 or Be-halal B. Charman at B. P. 1807, Douala, Cameroun.

Valentin Mbong is a product of Southern Baptist schools. He has a B.S. degree in math from Carson-Newman College, Tenn. (where he played football). He has taught math at Ricks Institute, Baptist high school



Valentin and Elise Mbong have moved from Jackson to New Orleans Seminary. Their three sons are Valentin, Jr., center, 3, and Amos and Moses, twins, 18 months.

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## Editorials

by don mcgregor

## Draper appointments are early

Jimmy Draper, the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has set the standard for other presidents to follow him and has released his committee appointments nine months ahead of the convention next June in Kansas City.

He is to be commended for his efficiency in moving ahead with something that in most previous years has been left until just before the convention; and he is to be commended for his courage in saying here they are, folks, see what you think about them.

He announced his appointments, made in consultation with the two vice-presidents, during the opening session of the SBC Executive Committee meeting last week in Nashville.

Traditionally, the September meeting has heard a report from the president.

Following his announcement of committee appointments, Draper delivered a challenge for all Southern Baptists to allow unity to be effective within the convention.

Using John 17:11 as his text, Draper said the only hope of Bold Missions is unity. He noted that unity is not voluntary; it is inevitable, the result of being born again. It is not something we decide to join as a coalition but is the result of being of the same family. We have no choice.

Division on basis of friendship is a coalition, he said.

"Unity is there. We can't produce it. We are charged with keeping it," he declared.

"Only God can produce unity," Draper pointed out.

Factions are enemies to unity, Draper said, because they center on personalities. "We must keep our eyes focused on Jesus Christ."

He noted the purpose of unity as being the lost are saved, God's power is revealed, and there is a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in revival.

"I commit myself to you," he said, "and call for your commitment to me. We'll have differences, but we are wrong to let differences come between believers. We must commit ourselves as fellow soldiers and as fellow servants."

He concluded by saying, "I would take no joy in our struggle somebody won and the world lost."

Draper's sentiments are well taken. They recognize the fact that under such a loosely structured situation as that in which Southern Baptists operate, under such independent theological thinking as is inevitable in following a belief in the individual priesthood of the believer, there will be differences. The Southern Baptist genius is that people with such differences can come together in a voluntary effort to try to provide a witness to the world.

From time to time the statement is heard that one is not a Southern Baptist because of some theological interpretation, and in some instances that may be true. Under the decided Baptist tenet of the individual priesthood of the believer, however, one

cannot be a Baptist without allowing for some differences in interpretation. And this is what Draper was pointing out. Everyone feels within himself that he knows where the line should be drawn between being Southern Baptist and not being Southern Baptist. Yet we do not all agree on where the line should be.

Draper was acknowledging this factor among Baptists; but he was saying, our mandate is to come together in our effort to witness to the world. He didn't suggest that we need to settle our differences. He said plainly that we must not let our differences come between us, and we surely must not let our differences hamper our witness.

He is right, and we commend him for his insight and courage in taking his position.

His committee appointments will cause a great deal of attention, and people will have nine months to give thought to them. He made that choice deliberately. He said, "You may not like all of the appointments, but we (the officers) sure do."

The first person he named was Bailey Stone, pastor of First Church, Odessa, Texas. I have known Stone for more years than I can remember, and I have always had a great deal of admiration and affection for him. He is quality. First Church, Odessa, is a great church. He will be chairman of the resolutions committee.

Another chairman is Jim Henry, pastor of First Church, Orlando, Fla., who spoke at our youth night a year or

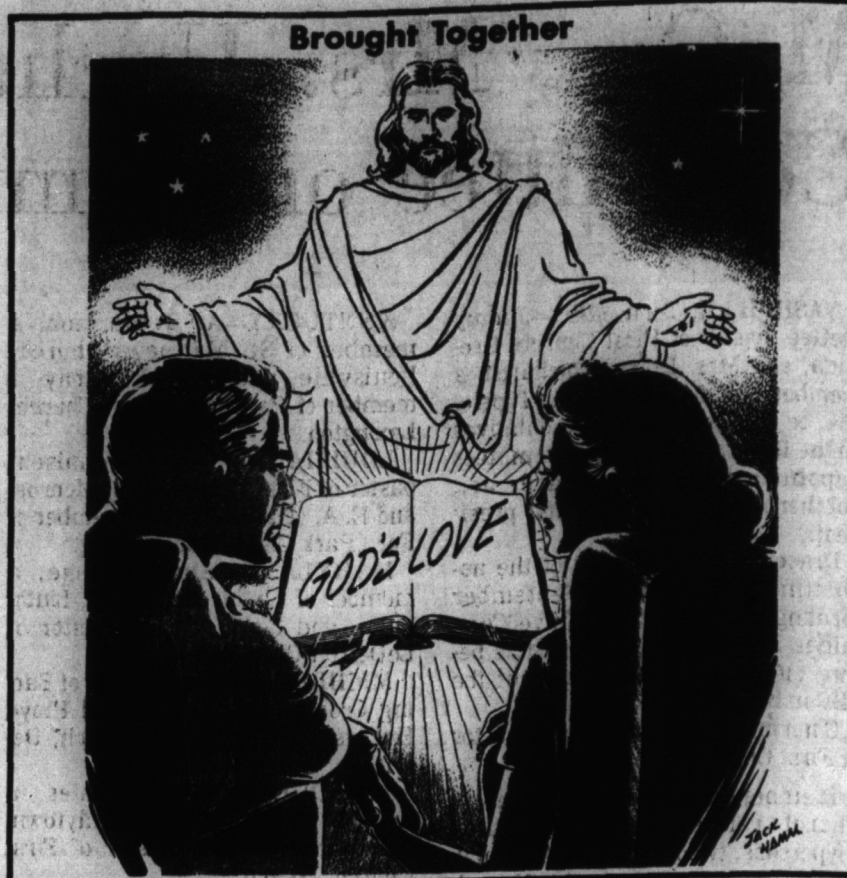
two ago. He is highly regarded all across the nation. He will be chairman of the all-important committee on committees.

The chairman of the credentials committee will be Earl Allen, pastor of Rosen Heights Church, Fort Worth, Texas. He is a Southern Baptist traditionalist whom I have known also for many years.

Though the parliamentarians do not have impact throughout the year, they are greatly important during the course of the convention. They will be the same as in Pittsburgh. James Semple, pastor of First Church, Paris, Texas, is one. He has been a friend of mine for many years and is the pastor of some of the dearest friends I have on earth. A Campbell's Soup factory is located at Paris; and, following Hurricane Camille, Semple was the first to show up; and he had two truck loads of Campbell's Soup.

The other parliamentarian is Jack Johnson, now executive director in Arizona. He was a California pastor when I was editor out there.

Three Mississippians were named to committees by Draper. Appointed to the committee on committees were Jimmy McGee, pastor of First Church, Grenada, and Mrs. Robert Upchurch, a member of Calvary Church, Tupelo. Reuel May, an oral surgeon and a member of First Church, Jackson, was appointed to the resolutions committee (Story on Page 1).



## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

## Song of September

... and his banner over me was love (Song of Solomon 2:4b).

It was a sunlit September Sunday afternoon when I said "I do." Since then, four times, a cycle of seven has circled; and this month, 28 years later, the anniversary of our wedding day came once again on Sunday (and lo, on a day when my Sunday School lesson featured the Song of Solomon!)

Occasionally someone asks, "Does your husband ever say he loves you?" Often, in words. Constantly, by his actions—his gentleness and patience. For instance, last week W.D. cooked fish for the Sunday School class supper I'd planned at our house. "If 14 women come, or 20, it matters not," he said, "I'll have enough fish." And when I said, "Let's celebrate our anniversary in some quiet spot (as Muriel Blackwell phrased it so well—"away from the bramble of things" and "away from the probing, pressing people to reflect and renew"), he said, "Suits me."

When I said, "I wonder if it will be cold in the mountains at Ridgecrest next weekend" (I'm going on a minibus with 20 women from Morrison Heights Church), he stopped by the Metro and bought me a flannel gown.

When I said, "I'm hungry" (it was noon by the time we got the camper packed and the flowers watered and the dog fed, and drove out to the interstate), he stopped at the Pelahatchie Stuckey's. I ordered a grilled cheese sandwich and vanilla milkshake. And he said, "I'll take the same." I said, "I might want to ride my bicycle at the park." He got it out of the van while we were at Stuckey's, and put more air in its tires. I said, "I think we'll need a few more groceries for supper," and with no complaint like "We'll never get anywhere at this rate," he stopped at a grocery store at Homewood.

Marathon Park, deep in Bienville National Forest, equals silence, tall pines, blue sky, tranquil lake, blessed solitude. (The moccasin, coiled by the path, head up as if ready to strike—was dead.) Only one hitch. No electric outlets, and we had not brought a lantern. "I don't think I want to go to bed as soon as it gets dark," he said. (The bed in the camper is not overly comfortable.)

"How far is Golden Memorial Park?" I asked. "Martha and Dolton Haggan say it's their favorite." He said, "We'll try it." Five miles from Walnut Grove, this park is a memorial to a one room school of a hundred years ago. ("Sometimes now," says the park folder, "in late morning, if you're very quiet and listen closely, you may hear the laughing voices of children playing at recess.") I guess we were not quiet enough.

All seven campsites were empty. We

chose No. 3, under a dogwood tree covered in red berries, its leaves edged with rust. Walking the Sassafras Trail around little Golden Lake, we saw a turtle on a log; coon tracks in the sand; bass darting toward minnows at the water's edge; goldenrod by the path. To skirt a footbridge under repair, W.D. led the way through a thicket, holding the binding branches out of my way. I blundered into a spider web, and he helped to tear away the sticky tentacles that ensheathed me like a snared fly.

While sunset pinked the sky and lowered a violet haze, we ate hot Sloppy Joe open face sandwiches and fried potatoes. By 8:30, the temperature had fallen into the 40s so that bed and two blankets felt cozy. "I'm thirsty," I said, so he got out of bed and walked down the bluff to fetch the water jug. (That campsite has one drawback. The tables are down a steep drop-off from the parking places for the camping vehicles.)

Next morning we sat above the fog-patched lake, eating flapjacks and scrambled eggs and luscious homemade scuppernong preserves, a gift from Melba North. Together we bowed our heads and thanked God for our daily bread. We thanked him for the new day, and for the good years we've had together (I thanked him for choosing W.D. for me), for the joys, the laughter, and yes, too, for the problems, the confusions, the misunderstandings, and even for the sorrows, for they drew us closer together. I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. (Song of Solomon 6:3a, 8:7a).

If I had known then all I know now, would I still have said "I do"? Yes, I do believe so.

## Book Review

**HOLDING THE ROPES** by Helen Jean Parks (Broadman, 156 pp.) This is a book about prayer—Bible-based prayer, Spirit-controlled prayer, faith-saturated prayer, praise prayer, persistent prayer, earnest prayer, agonizing prayer, specific prayer. It is a book about intercessory prayer for missions. The writer, who is wife of the Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, says that prayer is world missions' greatest need. Her book gives example after example of answers to prayers. It tells of remarkable experiences that missionaries have had as the people "back home" were "holding the ropes" with their prayers. (When William Carey, one of the first missionaries from England, responded to the call to go to India, he agreed to go if those back home would "hold the ropes.") The book is a call to prayer. It is exciting, power-packed—compelling.—AWM

## George Jones fulfills promise

For the record (no pun intended), it needs to be noted that George Jones, the country music singer arrested sometime ago in Mississippi, did show up for the benefit concert in Jackson that he promised. Members of his staff pointed out that he wasn't obligated in view of the fact that the charges had been dropped (speeding and cocaine possession), but that he felt he should go ahead with the concert anyway.

Subsequent information has revealed that the amount of cocaine found was minute, and indications are that it was a rented car, meaning he may not have been responsible for it. Also it has been revealed that Jones was not driving when the car was clocked at 91 miles per hour on I-55

south of Jackson, but rather it was his companion on that trip who is now his fourth wife.

There has been no explanation as to why she was not charged with speeding.

Nevertheless, it could be that things are beginning to fall in place in Jones' life. He is said to be a man notorious for skipping concert appearances, but he did show up in Jackson. He has now opened a country music showplace in the piney woods of East Texas, his native area, and friends say things are on the right track now. That surely is to be hoped for and is good news if it is the case. The gospel that we proclaim is built on the truth that redemption is possible no matter what the cir-

cumstances. I know little about the conditions of Jones' personal life in previous years, but indications in the public press were that they were not good. I would be pleased, as I am sure many others would be, particularly those close to him, if he has found a new direction in life.

We know, of course, that there is only one source of a new life, and that is the Lord. I hope that is the source he has called upon to find new beginnings.

The invocation for the opening of Jones Country, the name of his new venture in East Texas, was led by a Baptist pastor named Minyard of Colmesneil, Texas. Minyard was quoted in the Nashville Tennessean of Sept. 20 as saying, "George is out of

trouble now, and he's on his way. The report continued to say that the crowd of 10,000 applauded wildly, and Jones seemed to be struggling to hold back tears of happiness.

The pastor continued, "We are going to help them live in East Texas."

Surely at Colmesneil there will not be a lot of the fast living that has been credited with much of Jones' problems. The town has a population of 553, and Jones Country is six miles from Colmesneil.

A great deal has been said of George Jones in Mississippi papers recently. Some of it is in this one. If he has found a new way of life in the Lord, it should make us all extremely happy.

## Guest opinion . . .

## October is Cooperative Program month

By Julius C. Thompson

Bold Mission Thrust is a daring venture by Southern Baptists to share the gospel with every person in the world by the year 2000. Southern Baptists are known as "a people of the Book." We believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God. We also maintain that the government, programs, and ministries of our churches should be based on the principles contained in God's Word.

A young minister once asked the Duke of Wellington if he thought the church should be involved in missions. The iron duke's stern reply was, "What are your marching orders, sir?"

The Great Commission is our Lord's marching orders for his followers. Before he ascended to the Father, the resurrected Lord said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded" (Matt. 20:19-20 NAV).

Sharing the gospel with all the world is not an optional matter for the church but rather an imperative mandate resting upon every individual Baptist, every church, every association, every state convention, and every Southern Baptist Convention agency. If Bold Mission Thrust becomes a reality instead of a slogan, then every indi-

vidual Baptist must believe that the Great Commission is a personal assignment.

Bold Mission Thrust will require the total commitment and mobilization of the whole Baptist family. The "how" of Bold Mission Thrust is the Cooperative Program.

The Cooperative Program is the channel through which Southern Baptists have agreed to reach out to a lost world. R. G. Lee said, "Together links make a chain, shingles make a roof, bricks make a wall, drops of water make a river, leaves make a forest, soldiers make an army. Together, Southern Baptists, through the Cooperative Program, respond to the Great Commission."

Most of us don't get excited and support a cause until we understand what it's all about. Cooperative Program Month is observed during October as a time of informing and inspiring church members concerning the Cooperative Program.

This special emphasis will attempt to answer the following questions: (1) What is the Cooperative Program? (2) How did it develop? (3) How does it work? (4) and, What are the challenges the Cooperative Program faces during these final decades of the 20th century?

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board has voted to declare 1983-84 as "The Year of The Cooperative Program." The purpose of this emphasis is to:

- (1) Teach the biblical and doctrinal foundations of missions;
- (2) Give a historical perspective of Baptists working together in support of missions;
- (3) Provide information on what is the Cooperative Program;
- (4) Inform the church of Bold Mission Thrust goals and present a challenge for volunteers;
- (5) Lead the church to a conviction that the Cooperative Program is

the best way to fulfill the Great Commission;

- (6) Encourage prayer and support for Mississippi missionaries and for Southern Baptist mission ministries around the world.

This special Cooperative Program emphasis is designed to highlight the mission ministries supported through the Cooperative Program and challenge church members to pray for the mission ministries undergirded through mission giving.

Resources have been prepared and mailed to every Mississippi pastor to aid in planning and conducting a special Cooperative Program emphasis in October. Requests for additional booklets, tracts, posters, and Saturday Evening Post reprint should be sent to the state stewardship office.

Julius C. Thompson is Consultant in the Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion Department and state director for Planned Growth in Giving.

## Letters to the Editor

## Glading homecoming

Editor:

We, the members of Glading Baptist Church of Amite County, Miss., would like to locate the charter members and/or their descendants. We will hold our annual homecoming on Oct. 2, 1983, at the church. The dress for the day will be the same as in 1935, when the church was started.

The following is a list of the charter members:

C. L. Myers, Maggie Myers, T. P. Honea, J. J. Newman, Robert Newman, Mamie Turner, Addie Turner, Vincie Turner, P. E. Newman, Odie Newman, T. M. Honea, Ora Honea, G. W. Newman, E. P. Honea, Tishey Honea, Barney Walker, Amanda Anderson, Joe Anderson, Eugene Gay, T. J. Myers, Thomas Brabham, Mary Newman, G. W. Walker, Ida Walker, J. E. Walker, Mollie Walker, John Branch, Mary Branch, T. M. Newman, Elder J. J. Walker and Fannie Walker.

We can be contacted at Glading Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Magnolia, Miss. 39652; phone 783-3664; 783-3591, 783-3161 or 542-5251.

Charles Kirkfield is our pastor. The services begin at 10 a. m. with

dinner on the grounds and singing in the afternoon.

Mrs. Clarence Honea  
Magnolia

## Francisco's ministry

Editor:

On behalf of Southern Seminary, I am writing to request a favor from readers concerning copies of printed or taped messages by Dr. Clyde T. Francisco, who served on the faculty at Southern Seminary until his recent death. We desire to develop the fullest collection possible of materials related to the teaching/preaching ministry of Dr. Francisco. Should readers have copies of sermons or lectures by him, we would appreciate permission to duplicate those materials for the seminary archives.

Persons may forward tapes or other materials to the Librarian, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40280. The original tape or printed material will be duplicated and returned to the owner upon request.

Thank you for assisting us in our effort to expand our collection of materials produced by Dr. Francisco in

order that future generations of students may benefit from his teaching ministry.

Roy L. Honeycutt, President  
Southern Seminary

## The Russian killer

Editor:

The wholesale whiskey agency run by the state announced it will quit buying Russian vodka. How long has it been buying it? How many millions of dollars of Mississippi money have gone to Communist Russia? Why has this been hidden from us for years? Russia has killed more Americans by vodka than any other way. And our un-constitutional state whiskey agency spends our tax dollars. It is charged in many states that there are payoffs for those who buy whiskey for state stores. Could it be that some people in our state have been getting gold from Moscow?

Fifty-one Americans were shot down in a plane. Every day more than that are killed by vodka. Every month more in Mississippi are killed or injured by some deranged by this Russian poison.

Charles G. Hamilton  
Aberdeen

## Tribute to David Minnis

Editor:

David Minnis of First Church, Starkville, sponsored by the Baptist Student Union, came and served as a summer missionary from June 10 to July 16 here at Armitage Baptist Church in Chicago, Ill. I wish to commend Mississippi Baptists for sending us such a fine young man. David came to a strange city, a strange church, and a strange culture and poured out his heart in service. I was impressed by his willingness to serve in any capacity asked. He did everything from door to door witnessing to cleaning out closets in the old building our church has recently purchased as its home. In my estimation, they don't come any finer. Mississippi can be proud of David. Our church thanks you for lending him to us.

Charles W. Lyons, pastor  
Armitage Baptist Church  
Chicago, Ill.

## Women deacons

Editor:

I am writing in reference to the article "Oklahoma City, First, Names

Women Deacons," in the 15 September '83 edition of the Baptist Record. In accordance with I Timothy 3:11-12 there is no way that a woman can serve as a deacon. The reason is that a woman cannot be the husband of one wife. I think that this type of article is against the Bible teaching that a woman should not teach or usurp authority over a man as stated in I Timothy 2:12. Also, the preacher of the church in Oklahoma cannot really show in the Bible that women are to serve as deacons.

If this type of trash is going to be printed, I will cancel my subscription.

Robert E. Sims  
Hamilton, MS

It doesn't make any difference whether you or I agree with the action, it was taken; and I think you need to know about it. And you would not have known if we hadn't told you. You see, every other state paper in the nation ran that story; and what you are suggesting would have kept only Mississippi Baptists in the dark about it. Continuing your subscription is your decision, but we hope you will stay.—Editor

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# McGee, Mrs. Upchurch on Committee on Committees

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Jimmy McGee, pastor of First Church, Grenada, and Mrs. Robert Upchurch, a member of Calvary Church, Tupelo, will be Mississippi's representatives on the 1984 Committee on Committees appointed by Jimmy Draper Jr., Southern Baptist Convention president.

Draper announced all 52 of the appointments during the September meeting of the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville, nine months before the 1984 annual meeting of the SBC in Kansas City.

Chairman will be Jim Henry, pastor of First Church of Orlando, Fla.

Members include 29 persons in church related vocations and 23 laypersons, two from each state qualified for representation on SBC boards and agencies. Under SBC bylaws, a state convention must have at least 25,000 members to qualify for representation. Of the 34 state conventions, 26 meet the qualifications.

The committee on committees names the committee on boards, which in turn nominates persons to serve as trustees and directors for the 20 SBC agencies.

Members include:

ALABAMA—Richard E. Francis, pastor of First Church, Trussville, and Mary Cathrine Burgreen, a member of First Church, Athens.

ARIZONA—Richard Lopez, pastor of Sunnyside Church, Tucson, and Ginger Carter, a member of North Phoenix Church.

ARKANSAS—C. A. Johnson, pastor of Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro, and Jim Adams, pastor of Beech Street Church, Texarkana.

CALIFORNIA—Bill East, association missionary from Bakersfield, and J. L. Hardin, a member of Magnolia Avenue Church, Riverside.

COLORADO—Eddie Nye, pastor of First Church, Eads, and Mark Crain, a member of First Church, Pagosa Springs.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—Gary Crum, a member of Georgetown Church, and Clinton Helton, pastor of Tacoma Park Church.

FLORIDA—Jim Henry and Jack Graham, pastor of First Church, Vest Palm Beach.

GEORGIA—Clark Hutchins, pastor of Eastside Church, Marietta, and Dan Cathey, a member of First Church, Jonesboro.

ILLINOIS—Wayne Stanford, a member of First Church, Salem, and Ron Hymer, pastor of Westview Church, Belleville.

INDIANA—Hollie Miller, pastor of Memorial Church, Brownsburg, and Kenneth Lobb, a member of Calvary Greenfield Church, Greenfield.

KANSAS-NEBRASKA—Joe Morgan, pastor of South City, Sutherland Church, Wichita, and Joe Rehberg, pastor of Chandler Acres Church, Omaha.

KENTUCKY—A. F. Harmon, a member of St. Mat News Church, Louisville, and Bobbie Patray, a member of Porter Memorial Church, Lexington.

LOUISIANA—Clifton Tension, pastor of First Church, West Monroe, and E. A. (Dave) Davis, a member of Ford Park Church, Shreveport.

MARYLAND—Eunice Emge, a member of Linthicum Church, Linthicum, and Cortes Davis, pastor of LeDroit Church, Oxon Hill.

MICHIGAN—Al Burt, pastor of Baring Cross Church, Flint, and Floyd Hughes, pastor of First Church, DeWitt.

MISSOURI—Milton Morales, a member of First Church, Raytown, and Marvin Nobles, pastor of First Church, DeSoto.

NEW MEXICO—Mario Samaniego, a member of Primera Iglesia Bautista Church, Alamogordo, and Milford Misener, pastor of First Church, Belen.

NORTH CAROLINA—George Huffman, pastor of Brookford Church in Hickory of Hildebran, and Charles George Jr., a member of Hays-Barton Church, Raleigh.

NORTHWEST—Leroy Gaston, pastor of Quinault Church of Kennewick and Bill Hutton, a member of Pines Church, Spokane.

OHIO—Roger Roberts, pastor of First Church, Fairborn, and Rodney Thorpe, a member of Far Hills Church, Dayton.

OKLAHOMA—Joe Knowles, pastor of First Church, Sapulpa, and Dan Horton, a member of First Church, Lawton.

SOUTH CAROLINA—George Dye, pastor of First Church, Fort Mill, and Guy Sanders Jr., a member of First Church, Bamberg.

TENNESSEE—Charles Sullivan, pastor of First Church, Lenoir City, and Mrs. Roland Maddox, a member of Bellevue Church, Memphis. Mrs. Maddox is the daughter of the late Joe Odle, former editor of the Baptist Record.

TEXAS—Bill Everett, pastor of Fielder Road Church, Arlington, and Ken Ryan, a member of First Church, Odem.

VIRGINIA—Guerney Grant, a member of First Church, Richmond, and Tommy Tabor, pastor of London Bridge Church, Virginia Beach.

## RTVC trustees adopt policies to relate to ACTS affiliates

By Greg Warner

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—Policies outlining basic agreements between the American Christian Television System (ACTS) and the TV stations and cable channels which will carry ACTS programming have been adopted by trustees of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

The policies, approved by the board during its September meeting, restate the guidelines for the formation of local ACTS boards, set the amount of programming that will come from both local and network sources, and prescribe the use of announcements on the air.

The policy action was one of several steps taken at the meeting to ready ACTS for its scheduled startup next May. The RTVC has been working since 1980 developing the network, which will offer Americans viewers 16 hours of alternative television programming each day.

The adopted policies will serve as the model for the network's relationship to its outlets (or affiliates), such as cable TV systems, low-power TV stations, and educational TV stations. Since the affiliates will not be owned and operated by ACTS, the policy statement is necessary to ensure quality programming.

The policies specify a board of directors will be formed in the area of each affiliate station or cable system. This local ACTS board, which will oversee local programming, will be composed of Southern Baptists in each area. Any church in the affiliate area that pays 10 cents per resident member and contributes to the Cooperative Program is entitled to place one person on the board. An advisory board representing other religious and community groups also will give input.

Each cable affiliate of ACTS must agree to carry the full 16-hour-per-day network schedule. In return, the local board will have a minimum of three hours per day, Monday through Saturday, and five hours each Sunday for local programming.

Each TV station affiliating with the network must carry ACTS' six-hour-per-day basic program schedule, which will air from 4-10 p.m. (CST). The rest of the airtime can be filled with the remainder of the 16 hours of ACTS programming or local origination programming, provided all programs conform to ACTS content standards.

Although the ACTS network will be non-commercial and not sell advertising, it will carry commercial recognitions, similar to announcements used in public broadcasting, during program breaks. In addition, local ACTS boards will have time available each hour for their own commercial recognitions or promotional announcements. This will amount to four minutes per hour on cable affiliates. The time available to local boards on broadcast stations will depend on the amount of network programming each station carries.

Another policy adopted set content standards for commercial recognitions that appear on the network and its affiliates. The policy prohibits advertising of R- and X-rated movies, alcoholic beverages, contraceptives, and feminine hygiene products, as well as any favorable references to the occult, gambling, tobacco products, drugs, sexual promiscuity or other behavior judged morally offensive by RTVC management. The same restrictions would apply to program content.

As a foundation for the new policies, the RTVC trustees adopted a list of seven "basic commitments" to which ACTS will adhere in all its dealings. Topping the list is "a spirit of loyalty to Southern Baptist strategies for missions, evangelism, nurture and ministry" through Bold Mission Thrust.

The other commitments were to the local church, pioneer missions, clear communication with churches, minimal costs to churches, maximum TV access to American homes, and the neighborhood concept of TV service. In addition, the policy statement said, all actions of the RTVC and ACTS must be consistent with the agency's program statement as assigned by the Southern Baptist Convention. That assignment is "to support the Southern Baptist Convention in its task of bringing men to God through Christ by preaching the gospel over radio and television, and by assisting the churches and their pastors, other general Baptist bodies and the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention in the proper use of their radio and television opportunities."

In his report to the trustees, RTVC President Jimmy R. Allen announced plans to formally inaugurate the network at the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, Mo., in June. Initial broadcasting will begin in May as scheduled, however.

Allen also reported the cost of leasing time on the Spacenet I satellite will be reduced to \$150,000 per month, down \$25,000 per month from the original agreement. A decreased demand for satellite space has forced the market value down, Allen said.

The board gave final approval to the RTVC's 1983-84 budget of \$10.8 million, which includes \$4.8 million from the Cooperative Program and \$4.5 million in network-generated income. (Warren writes for the Radio-TV Commission.)

## Auto accident draws crowd; church results

CAMPINA GRANDE, Brazil—An automobile accident may have helped start a new Baptist church in Brazil.

Partnership evangelism team members Mack Morris of Alabama and Robert Nunnally of Arizona were riding to the first campaign service at the Peniel Baptist Church when the car they were in hit a stalled car.

Morris' knee was injured and he was unable to continue to the church. Instead he preached to about 75 people who had gathered at the scene of the accident. Five made decisions to become Christians and invited Morris back that night.

That evening about 200 people came and 52 made decisions to become Christians. Missionary Edd Trott (his wife is a Mississippi native) was delighted to see enough new believers to begin a mission point in an area where there had been no Baptist church.

Morris' injury was not serious and he was able to continue his work in the partnership evangelism campaign.

The 10 teams working Joao Pessoa and Campina Grande recorded 1,232 decisions, 841 of them decisions to become Christians.

## Georgia Baptists pay off \$6 million loan quickly

ATLANTA (BP)—The Georgia Baptist Convention has paid off a 25-year, \$6 million loan in eight years—saving more than \$5 million in interest payments.

The indebtedness was on the Georgia Baptist Center, a structure erected on the northeast edge of Atlanta in 1975.

At the same meeting the Georgia

Baptist executive committee voted to sell downtown property where the convention was housed 1944-74 for \$2,100,000. Since 1974 the property has been used for a parking lot, generating about \$30,000 a year in income. Money from the sale of the land will be used to endow the state missions budget in Georgia.

The committee also voted to establish a partnership mission program with Liberian Baptist Mission.

One new item in the Georgia Baptist Convention Cooperative Program budget for 1984 is \$180,000 to help Mercer University establish a nursing school in Atlanta.

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## House passes stronger ban on abortion funds

WASHINGTON (BP)—Going beyond previous restrictions, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to bar all federal funding of abortions, even in cases where the life of the mother is endangered.

However, backers of the abortion rider insisted the exception clause contained in current law which permits federal payment for abortions when the mother's life is threatened will be part of the final bill that goes to President Reagan for his signature.

Rep. Silvio O. Conte, R-Mass., offered the restrictive amendment to a \$96.4 billion appropriations bill for the Departments of Labor and Health and Human Resources after language in the bill barring Medicaid funding of abortion except to save the life of the mother had been stricken on a point of order.

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## Phoenix church dispenses milk for body and soul

By Chris Potts

PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP)—Continuing efforts to serve the King, the Southern Baptist Temple of Phoenix has become something of a Dairy Queen.

After receiving more than 6,000 boxes of dried milk, the church spent a great deal of the summer distributing that product to the needy folk of their community.

"I think it's a very good idea in so many ways," said Robert Heath, a newly arrived resident from Michigan and one of the neighborhood beneficiaries. "I don't know too many people right now who don't need help. I think this will help people realize there's a lot of good left in Christianity. . . . A church that says, 'hey, we've got it, come and get it'—that's a good ministry."

The program began, according to Pastor Greg Gearing, with a call from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in search of food distribution points for the South Phoenix neighborhood which had read of the Southern Baptist Temple's other community service projects.

The church is finding 6,000 boxes is a lot of milk. It took four hours for the pastor and 15 others just to unload the truck. And, after two months and two distribution days, the church still has close to 6,000 boxes left.

"In terms of numbers, I'd hoped for more people," Gearing admitted. "There aren't many people who like dried milk. It's not the drawing card cheese would be." Cheese requires refrigeration, something Southern Baptist Temple can't provide right now.

Still response has been "one of gratitude," said Gearing. "We're surveying these people to find out what their needs are, and if they're in-

terested. We're making contact." He added with every box of milk, the neighborhood folks are receiving a tract explaining how to find life in Christ. "We're giving out not only food for the body, but food for the soul."

In addition, Gearing feels he's giving his denomination some good publicity. "We're trying not only to do things, but to give some promotion for Southern Baptists. We want to show Southern Baptists care."

The church's new form of outreach has provided many new prospects for the predominantly black New Jerusalem Church and a Spanish mission, both sponsored by Southern Baptist Temple. "Every person we help is one more contact," Gearing said. "We have a multi-ethnic congregation so we've got room for everybody."

Gearing has encouraged any other churches interested in distributing milk in their community to contact him for details.

"It's one thing," said Heath, now a member of the Temple, "to preach to the needy. But if a church takes time to care for people they don't know. . . . I don't know of a better outreach than, 'if you need help I'll help.'"

"That's sticking pretty doggone close to the Bible."

(Chris Potts is a freelance writer in Phoenix, Ariz.)

Half of the things that inhibit and frustrate us are just the creation of our imagination. So many of the iron doors of life are creations of fear. As for the few troubles that remain, God has given us spiritual resources of such a nature that we can make the largest obstacles seem to be of little consequence.—H. T. Donaldson.

## Baptist Student Union votes \$68,000 for missions

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Calvin Miller, pastor of Westside Church, Omaha, Neb., told the group that usually it is better to keep some distance from their heroes, whose flaws will disappoint them up close. However, when "at some altar, you come face to face with him (Jesus)" "you'll wake up every morning with that affirmation 'born again' on your lips," he said.

Peter McLeod, pastor of First Church, Hattiesburg, said the "credibility" of Christianity stands on the fact that human nature can be changed. "Jesus changes us at our point of deepest need," said McLeod. "By his power we could be new creations."

Neighbour, head of Touch Ministries and a former pastor and foreign missionary, in a message that brought tears to many in the audience, spoke on the urgent need to evangelize the youth of the world and to reach into the urban ghettos of the world. He said Southern Baptists have no strategy for reaching the youth of the world.

"The church today is at play in the fields of the Lord," said Neighbour. "How many people in the last year did you try to win to Christ?" he asked. He said the average church member is only interested in "getting disciplined and keeping the organization going."

He said evangelism gets difficult because most active church goers "do not possess even one intimate non-Christian friend."

Neighbour said that when the church keeps people from relating to one another, "the church is sinning." When will change come, he asked the student. "When people like you say 'I will not play the game; I will be what God wants me to be.'"

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## Mississippi Baptist Activities

- Oct. 2 High Attendance in Sunday School (SS Emphasis)
- Oct. 3-4 Pastors' Retreat; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 10 a.m., 3rd-4 p.m., 4th (CAPM)
- Oct. 6-7 Handbell Leadership Seminar; Colonial Heights BC, Jackson; 10 a.m., 6th-Noon, 7th CM
- Oct. 6 New Staff Orientation; Baptist Building; 9:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.
- Oct. 7-8 Baptist Young Men's Retreat; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 6 p.m., 7th-3 p.m., 8th (WMU)



# HMB appoints 33 missionaries, names prayer line director

By Jim Newton

ATLANTA (BP)—Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in their September Executive Committee meeting appointed 33 missionaries, approved purchase of property to expand the Baptist seminary in Puerto Rico, and named a national director of the Board's Intercessory Prayer Line Ministry.

Ben Atchison, 54-year-old retired accountant for Shell Oil Co. in Atlanta, was named to head the prayer line ministry as a Mission Service Corps volunteer.

Atchison, who is taking early retirement after 30 years with Shell Co., will be responsible for recruiting other volunteers to work four-hour daily shifts answering the HMB's national prayer line.

The "prayer line" is a national incoming WATS telephone line which enables Baptists to call the Home Mission Board toll-free to learn of home mission needs and requests for prayer, and for missionaries of the board to call to request prayer for their work and concerns. It was started March 1 as a part of the board's Pentecost Sunday effort to start 3,000 new churches and missions during the next year. Since mid-June, the prayer line has been answered by a recorded message rather than by volunteers.

Atchison will seek 50 to 60 Atlanta area Christians to answer the telephone calls personally. His goal is to enlist and train the volunteers to start daily service, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern time, beginning Oct. 4. Nationwide

telephone number for the prayer line is 1-800-554-PRAY, or 1-800-282-SEEK for calls within the state of Georgia, Atchison said.

In other actions, the HMB's Executive Committee approved the purchase of property for additional classroom and dormitory space at the Baptist seminary in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The HMB bought the property for \$125,000 spread over three years.

About 90 students are enrolled in the seminary in San Juan, which now offers an associate of divinity degree in conjunction with New Orleans Seminary.

Eleven missionaries and 22 missionary associates were appointed by the board for service in 13 states, most of them under joint appointment with the state Baptist conventions:

## Hollands Appointed

James ("Bo") and Nancy Holland, recently graduates of New Orleans Seminary, were appointed as church planters for Frisco Baptist Association in Oklahoma. Before entering the seminary, they were US-2 missionaries of the Home Mission Board in Tulsa, Okla., where he was ordained as a minister by Bowen Indian Baptist Chapel. For the past two years, Holland has been assistant pastor of Flat Top Baptist Church, Picayune, Miss., while studying at New Orleans Seminary.

Two couples who recently graduated from Southwestern Seminary were appointed. David and Katherine Edwards, both natives of California, were assigned as church planter apprentices in San Jose, Calif., and

James and Mary Holloway of Pascagoula, Miss., were assigned to start new churches in Eastwick, Pa.

As a housekeeping matter, Richard and Pat Alford of Clinton, Miss., had a status change from missionary associate to missionary after five years of work with the board. He is Mississippi Baptists' language missions program leader and consultant for the Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

(Newton is Home Mission Board news editor.)

## Hospital invites women to info day

MEMPHIS—The Women's Auxiliary of Baptist Memorial Hospital will conduct an Information Day Friday, Oct. 7, at Baptist Memorial-East, 6019 Walnut Grove Road, in the seminar room.

The program will begin with a coffee at 9:30 a.m. Information will be available on the opportunities for ministry through Auxiliary projects. Handiwork and projects supported by the group will be featured in a display.

The program is open to all Baptist women in Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas. Virginia Bailey, director of the Hostess Office at the hospital, says.

Maurice Elliott, senior vice president at Baptist Memorial, will address the meeting.

## Executive Committee meets

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invitation issued by the National Council of Churches.

### Ray elected

As was expected, Cecil A. Ray, general secretary-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, was elected as the national director for Planned Growth in Giving, effective Jan. 1, 1984. The salary was established at \$81,000 per year. Ray is 41 years of age. In his new position he will relate to both Harold Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee, and A. R. Fagan, executive director-treasurer of the Stewardship Commission.

In addition to his present position, Ray has been director of the Steward-

ship Division for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, a pastor in Texas, and superintendent of missions for the San Antonio Baptist Association in Texas.

A 13-member task force was elected to assist Ray in planning and implementing the Planned Growth in Giving emphasis. The members of the task force are T. T. Crabtree, Missouri, chairman; Lloyd Elder, Sunday School Board president-elect; J. Truett Gannon, Georgia; Lyle Garlow, Oklahoma; Richard A. Jackson, Arizona; O. D. Martin, Jr., Texas; Ernest E. Moseley, Illinois; James W. Nelson, Georgia; R. Keith Parks, Virginia; William M. Pinson, Texas; M. Hunter Riggins, Virginia; Dorothy

Sample, Michigan; Dan C. Stringer, Florida; John Sullivan, Louisiana; and William G. Tanner, Georgia. Ex officio members are W. Dewey Presley, chairman of the Executive Committee; Bennett; and Fagan.

Planned Growth in Giving is described as a 15-year emphasis that will be coordinated with and supportive of Bold Mission Thrust plans.

The Executive Committee took note of the problems that are looming for ministers in the expected escalation of Social Security taxes for the self-employed and took action to equalize the Social Security tax responsibilities for ordained and nonordained members of the Executive Committee staff.

### Budget requests

The committee also heard budget requests from all of the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention and adopted a Cooperative Program budget goal for 1984-85 of \$130 million. This will be recommended to the Southern Baptist Convention of Kansas City in June and will include a total basic operating budget figure of \$118 million; a total capital needs budget figure of \$6,874,000, which has already been adopted as a part of the capital needs budget for 1984-85; and a challenge budget figure of \$5,126,000.

A proposed 1984-85 Southern Baptist Convention operating budget of \$3,113,500 was approved by the committee to be recommended to the convention in Kansas City. Of this, \$2,316,000 would come from the Cooperative Program, \$600,000 from the Sunday School Board, \$37,500 from interest and dividends, \$27,500 from sales, \$125,000 from advertising, and \$7,500 from other income. The SBC operating budget for 1983-84 is \$2,362,800.

In other action the committee considered a motion to consider a name change for the convention that was referred to the committee by the convention and declined to suggest a change in the name, postponed consideration of a change in the membership clause of the constitution and agreed that a church would have to have been constituted the preceding fiscal year for a person from the church to be seated as a messenger, declined to propose a revision of Bylaw 16 that would require a person to be a member of a Southern Baptist Church for at least five years before being eligible for election as a trustee of a Southern Baptist agency, and took note of the facts that Albert McClellan is working on a history of the Executive Committee and that a study committee has been named by Convention President Jimmy Draper to consider the seating of Canadian representatives as messengers.

Immediately preceding the meeting of the Executive Committee, site dedication ceremonies were held at 901 Commerce in Nashville for the new Southern Baptist Convention Building. That location is across the street from the Sunday School Board, and the property was donated by that board.

## Pray for MKs

Oct. 2—Amy L. Myers (Nigeria), MUW.

Oct. 5—Timothy D. Watts (Italy), Univ. of Mississippi.

Oct. 11—Rhonda Stamps (Honduras), Miss. College.

Oct. 13—Judith L. Perrill (Thailand), USM.

Oct. 14—Phillip S. Peacock (Korea), Miss. College.

Oct. 27—Patricia A. Harbin (Brazil), USM.



## Trinity, Vicksburg, breaks ground

Trinity Church, Vicksburg, has broken ground for a complete new church facility. The church meeting site will be moved to a 25-acre plot just south of Interstate 20 on Porter's Chapel Road. Shown from left with shovels are Danny Wells, director of youth, education, and music; Howard Smith, pastor; Johnny Sanders, building committee member; Emma Wilson, chairman of the building committee; and building committee members Billy White, Kay East, and Larry Cannon. At far left is Harold Jordan, who delivered the message during the ground breaking service. The first unit in the new building plan will have 17,271 square feet. The auditorium will seat 411, and there will be room for 447 in educational facilities. For the first 25 years the 31-year old church gave \$74,345 to the Cooperative Program. Since 1977 it has given \$106,749. It will give more than \$32,000 to missions this year. In 1977 the total receipts were \$58,857. The 1984 budget calls for 17 percent going to the Cooperative Program.

## Draper makes report, names key committees

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tions months in advance of the convention.

The resolutions committee studies and reports on recommended resolutions at the annual meeting.

The committee on committees is regarded as a key committee in that it nominates persons to serve on the powerful committee on boards, which in turn nominates persons to serve as trustees and directors on the 20 agencies of the convention.

Draper named Bailey Stone, pastor of First Church of Odessa, Texas, as chairman of the resolutions committee, and Jim Henry, pastor of First Church of Orlando, Fla., as chairman of the committee on committees.

He also named Earl Allen, pastor of Rosen Heights Church of Fort Worth, Texas, to head the credentials committee, which rules on challenges to messenger qualifications at the annual meeting, and oversees the registration process.

Norman Wiggins, president of Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C., was named to head the tellers committee, which counts ballots in elections.

The two men who served Draper as parliamentarians at the 1983 annual meeting were reappointed. They are James Sample, pastor of First Church of Paris, Tex., and Jack Johnson, executive secretary-treasurer of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention.

Under convention bylaws, three members of the resolutions committee must be members of the SBC Executive Committee. They are Darrell

Robinson, pastor of Dauphin Way Church of Mobile, Ala.; Frank Ingraham, a layman from Belmont Heights Church in Nashville, Tenn., and Otis Testerman, pastor of Bookcliff Church, Grand Junction, Colo.

Others named include Reuel May, an oral surgeon and member of First Church of Jackson, Miss.; David Simpson, editor of the Indiana Baptist, newsjournal of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana; Ed Packwood, a retired member of First Church of Shawnee, Okla.; Carl F. H. Henry, a theologian and member of Capitol Hill-Metropolitan Church of Washington, D.C.; George Schroeder, a dentist and member of First Church of Little Rock, Ark., and Cristobal Dona, pastor of White Road Iglesia Del Sur Church of San Jose, Calif.

Draper noted the resolutions committee is composed of five laypersons and five church-related persons. Five are from west of the Mississippi and five are from east of the river.

In the Pittsburgh convention, Draper introduced a streamlined process for handling resolutions, which have increased in number in recent years.

The process includes having the resolutions committee meet in advance of the convention, calling on persons to submit proposed resolutions well in advance of the annual meeting and speeding up the process by which they are introduced on the floor of the convention session.

(Martin is Baptist Press news editor.)

## Jews for Jesus will sing at Clinton church

The Jews for Jesus, traveling evangelistic team called "The Liberated Walling Wall," will come to Clinton on Tuesday, Oct. 4, to present a program of music and testimony at Morrison Heights Church at 7 p.m.

Piano and guitar, trumpet, tambourine, violin and dumbek (a middle eastern drum) are among the instruments used.

Jews for Jesus is an independent missionary organization founded in 1973 by Moishe Rosen, who still heads the group.

Included in the program are short personal testimonies of how various ones in the group have come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah. David Brickner, leader of the group and graduate of Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, says, "We want people to understand how Jewishness and the Gospel fit together."

There are currently eight people in the Liberated Walling Wall. They have sung their way from Kansas City to Hong Kong, and from Alaska to Israel.

Kermit D. McGregor is Morrison Heights pastor; Bill Barnes is minister of music.

## Price to lead lay group

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sing and missions by men through the Cooperative Program and other Southern Baptist channels.

The fellowship will encourage the development of state, associational, and local fellowships on the basis of vocation, interest and skills and plans to hold a national meeting of members every three years.

(Davis writes for the Brotherhood Commission.)

## Editor emeritus dies in Virginia

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Reuben E. Alley, 87, editor of the Virginia Religious Herald 1937-1970, died Sept. 19. He suffered a stroke in late August.

Alley became editor of the Religious Herald after the Baptist General Association of Virginia declined to purchase the paper from its private owners. Alley resigned his pastorate when his offer was accepted and led the paper to convention agency status in 1950.

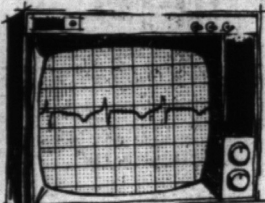
The chief purpose of prayer is that God may be glorified in the answer.—Reuben A. Torrey

He who wants anything from God must approach Him with empty hands.—Robert C. Cunningham



## Southwood enters new building

Southwood Church, held its first worship service in its new building on Sept. 4. Southwood, a new work sponsored by Iuka Church, had been meeting in a local skating rink since June 19. Their new home is a mobile chapel located on 5½ acres on the new Highway 72 by-pass. The chapel was furnished by the Mississippi Baptist Convention through funds from the Margaret Lackey State Mission Offering. Southwood has a membership of 34 with an average Sunday School attendance of 46. In the picture Walter Ballard, director of missions, Tishomingo Association presents the keys to the chapel to Gary Bullard, chairman of the missions committee. Left to right are Frank Shoffner, Bullard; Neil A. Boyd, supply pastor and former director of missions Prentiss Association; and Ballard.



## Intensive care

Dedicated to strengthening families  
Directed by a team of family life specialists

## Divorced single wants Christian fellowship

I am a divorced person living in east Mississippi. As you know, in today's world there are very few respectable places that a Christian single lady can go. Could you put me in touch with a Christian singles group in this area? I wouldn't mind driving somewhere else to get to be with good Christian people. I do continue to pray for your staff as I know getting the BAPTIST RECORD to the press is a great task. I really enjoy each copy.

B.L.

Dear B.L.: Thanks for your prayers and compliments.

The Highland Baptist Church, Meridian, has a Christian singles group. Mrs. Jackie C. (Barbara) Hamilton is the advisor-sponsor. Telephone Meridian, 482-0787. If this group is out of reach, Mrs. Hamilton will be glad to advise you of other activities in the area. (For others in the state unfamiliar with groups in your area and desir-

ing information, write Paul Jones, Christian Action Commission, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.)

Baptist churches are becoming more aware of the need and opportunity for a single adult ministry that includes the single again as well as those unmarried. A number of singles retreats are being planned for 1984 by the Christian Action Commission. Watch the Baptist Record for announcements.

Inquiries to Intensive Care are welcomed. Readers who feel the need of being in touch with Intensive Care are encouraged to write. Identities remain confidential. And though the identities of those performing this ministry have been kept confidential to this point, they are well qualified for the service they are rendering. Inquiries should be addressed to Intensive Care, Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.—Editor.

## Home Board bills nationwide simultaneous revivals for '86

By Sherri Anthony

ATLANTA (BP)—National, simultaneous revivals—billed by Home Mission Board evangelism leaders as one of Southern Baptists' most effective evangelism tools—will be held in Southern Baptist churches in all 50 states from March 16-April 27, 1986.

"Good News America: God Loves You" is the theme for the nationwide campaign, the first such effort among Southern Baptists since 1969.

Richard Harris, director of Home Mission Board Mass Evangelism and co-chairman of the campaign's national steering committee, noted, "These national-level campaigns offer Southern Baptists a cooperative, church-centered evangelistic endeavor with possibly the greatest opportunity in our history to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ."

"Evangelizing our nation is at the heart of our Bold Mission Thrust goal to share the gospel with every person by A.D. 2000."

Support for the simultaneous effort, approved by state evangelism directors at their national meeting in December 1981, is based in part on the apparent correlation between revivals and baptism rates in the SBC, Harris

explained. In the past 30 years, six nationwide meetings have been held. Annual church letters indicate during all but one of those years, baptism totals were significantly higher than average.

"Simultaneous revivals give Southern Baptists a chance to promote their revival meetings city-wide association-wide and even nation-wide," said Harris. Most of the SBC's 37 state conventions/fellowships will select either March 16-April 6 or April 6-27 as the dates they will participate. Each state convention will promote the revivals and encourage churches and associations to hold revival meeting during the designated time slot for their state.

To prepare for the revivals, the national steering committee has laid plans to provide concentrated personal and mass evangelism training. The yearly countdown of events includes: in 1983, a national revival training seminar; in 1984, national, state, regional and associational revival training seminars, witness training, national promotion, prayer emphasis; in 1985, continuing revival training seminars on all levels, national witness training, national

promotion, continued revival preparation training.

The 1983 national revival training seminar was held in July. The seminar provided 85 participants from 30 states with "information, guidance and motivation to use the revival meeting to the full potential," Harris said. In 1984, Harris expects 15 state-wide seminars and in 1985, at least 30.

The steering committee is also advocating the use of vocational evangelists during the simultaneous revivals.

"We have some talented and spiritually gifted vocational evangelists, preachers and musicians who are going to be hurt by these revivals," explained Harris. "Because most churches will participate in the revivals, there will be only six weeks during the spring for many vocational evangelists to work. Understanding this, churches should call on these people not only for the revivals but for revival preparation training, January Bible studies, prayer seminars and witness training or consider using them as staff evangelists."

(Anthony writes for the Home Mission Board.)

## Preachers head "most wanted" list

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use the German language to reach some of the 2 million Turkish immigrants in Germany.

Baptists in Mali, predominantly Moslem country, need someone with religious education training to direct a self-help center in a Moslem city, said West Africa Director John Miller. Though the center would not identify itself with Christianity, the missionary director could provide Bible study for people he meets who want to know about Christ.

Other West African needs include a dentist for The Gambia, a business manager for the Benin mission, a mass media director in Nigeria, and an agricultural evangelist in Mali.

Fourteen of the top 15 priority requests from East Asia are for evangelists, five to work with students. Missions in Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and Hong Kong need general evangelists and church planters.

Response to the gospel remains strong in South and Southeast Asia, noted Area Director William Wakefield. Missionaries report about one baptized person for every five church members during the last two years. Four church planters (starters of new congregations) and an agricultural evangelist are sought for the Philippines.

Attitudes of some governments in South and Southeast Asia have hampered Southern Baptist attempts to strengthen some key missions. Last year only about 10 percent of new missionaries went to the area, though about 50 percent of all the people to whom Baptist missionaries minister live in that area, Wakefield said.

Western South America's primary need is for a general evangelist in Arica, Chile which has never had a missionary couple. Eleven other evangelists are priority requests.

Area Director Davis Saunders gave special attention to Uganda, in Eastern and Southern Africa, in requesting four evangelism specialists for the country. Only one of 27 Southern Baptist missionaries now there is a preacher, he said.

Eight of the top 15 requests from Eastern South America come from Brazil, where vast areas still need to hear the gospel despite more than 100 years of Baptist missionary work, said Thurmon Bryant, area director. "There are still cities of 80,000 and 90,000 with no Baptist witness. Some of the states have 200 or 300 counties with no Baptist church," he said.

(Croll writes for the Foreign Mission Board.)



# Volunteers needed

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in Liberia, where he was graduated. It was at the suggestion of William R. Tolbert that he was enrolled at Ricks as an exchange student. (Tolbert later became president of the Baptist World Alliance, and afterward as president of Liberia was killed during a coup.)

Valentin grew up in a Christian home; his father was a pastor. But it was not until he got to Ricks, and especially under the influence of the Southern Baptist missionary, Eugene Oody, that he was converted. "Finally, in 1965," he says, "I was cured of the belief that my father could be my ticket to heaven. Jesus stood at the door of my heart and knocked, and I invited him to come in." (Margaret Fairburn, Mississippi missionary, was also on the faculty at Ricks.)

In high school and at Carson-Newman, he spoke in many places—in Church Training meetings, to GAS and RAS, at Ridgecrest Conference Center, with evangelism teams. Often someone would say to him, "You will be a preacher one day." However, he recalls, "I didn't want a life like my father's. I wanted a life of pleasure."

For three years he taught math at Ricks, after his graduation from college, and then he became vice principal and professor of math and English at College Alfred Saker in Douala, Cameroon. While there, he met and married Elise.

In 1980 he was in France, studying for a master's degree in math at University of Poitiers. His wife was completing studies in professional sewing and sales of clothes. "God spoke," he said, "and I had to bow down and let God work." After he felt this call to the ministry, he wanted to come to the U.S. to study at Southern or Southwestern Baptist Seminary, but this did not work out.

He wrote to Mrs. Pearl McHan, dietitian at Carson-Newman. "She was my thorn in the flesh—always saying, 'God wanted me to preach—so I wrote and told you.' God had answered her prayers."

They he said, "Lord, if you want me

to go to seminary, show me how and where." Soon he got a letter from International School of Theology in Calif. (a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ), saying his tuition had been paid for a year. A friend of Mrs. McHan had read Valentin's letter and given the money.

It gave him further assurance of the Lord's direction when he, then jobless, immediately got two jobs that in two months enabled him to buy tickets to the U.S.—washing dishes by day and being a watchman by night. And he got a student visa easily, with no waiting period.

Following a year and a half in California, he and Elise moved to Jackson, Miss., with the idea of obtaining a scholarship at Reformed Theological Seminary. "That did not work out either, but God used it to get us to Mississippi," he stated. They became active in First Baptist Church, Jackson, where he taught a class of internationals in Sunday School.

The next step from Jackson, in their "quest for seminary training, the Baptist way," was to be New Orleans Seminary.

In the Cameroon, he said, children, ages 10-14, study the catechism. Many of them think that, having completed the catechism, they are Christians and are even ready for baptism.

Elise said that her mother explained to her that to become a Christian, she must repent of her sins and place her belief and trust in Christ. She told her mother that she was ready to do that, she remembers, and so was baptized in spite of the fact that she had a fever of 105 degrees and was so sick she thought she would die. "When I came up out of the water, I just felt cleansed. My fever was gone. I felt so good that I believed heaven must feel like that."

Valentin said that in Africa, south of the Sahara, hundreds are coming to Christ for salvation daily and there is a critical need in the fast growing church for theological training, practical and theoretical. "The Lord has placed on my heart to help meet this need."



"ONCE UPON A TIME" was the theme of the music and missions enrollment night for children at First Church, Gulfport. Members of the church staff participating in activities were Martha Frances Dugger, organist-children's choir coordinator; James Downey, interim minister of music; Tony Porter, associate pastor; Keith Hill, minister of youth and activities; Karen Lovren, educational secretary; and Lorraine Kraker, visitation secretary and church hostess. The enrollment night emphasized available programs for the younger members of the family on Wednesday nights.



FIRST CHURCH, CLINTON, held a GA-Acteens recognition service using the theme, "Soaring." Thirty-nine GA's received a framed felt rainbow to display the Adventure badges they earned. Eleven Acteens were honored, nine as Queens and two as Queens-with-a-Scepter. The GA's are directed by Mrs. Bea Szizelle, and the Acteens by Mrs. Vickie Williams.



The GA's of Grace Church, Vicksburg, held a Christmas in August party for Missionary Medford Hutson of Richfield, Utah. The girls sent needed supplies to help in the mission work there. Pictured are Kim Wasson, Janie Roddy (leader), Angie Friley, Tina Tanksly, Salina Page, (second row) Frances Marter, Rhonda Floyd, Kathy Wright, Linda Shiers (leader), Ann Tanksly, (third row) Marie Trim, Sandy Ott, and Vicki Cummins.



CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT DIPLOMAS were presented Sept. 18 by Robert E. Walker, pastor of Sunrise Church, Leake Association. The diploma represents at least five study course awards. Some of those shown have completed ten: Left to right are Willis Beckham, Billy Sanders, Mrs. Willie G. Beckham; Irvin Perry; Louise Perry; Irma Mae Thornton, Benny Thornton, Lester Walton; Myrt Withers, Joan Thornton, Bera Walton, Josephine Tolbert, Myrtle Thornton, Betty Walker, Nadeen Sanders, Elizabeth Jones, Connie Wilcher and Robert Walker. Others are shown, but receiving diplomas, were Margaret Beckham, Patricia Brown, Syble Stewart, Helen Thompson, Thomas Thompson, Mazie Wilcher, and Jodie Woodson. Both the pastor and his wife, Betty, have completed 11 books.

## Just for the Record

Tishomingo Chapel (Alcorn) had dedication and note-burning for its new pastor's home on Sept. 11. Victor Ward, pastor, preached the dedication sermon.

Flaglake Church, Sarah, Northwest Association, held a recognition service Aug. 21 with the theme, "This Is Our Day." Acteens recognized: Angie Stevens, Kim Parrish, Hope Manning, Pam Stevens, Angie O'Neal, Carla Thurmond, Yolanda Boling, Valerie Hall and Susan Roser. GA's recognized: Brandy Yount, Tanesha Red, Dwana Maybry, Stephanie Kee, Jan Red, Sheila Stevens, Paula O'Neal, Lori Hardison, Pam Hall, and Tasha Wade. Mission Friends participating: Jeremy Maybry, Amy Parker, Stephanie Powell, D. J. Yount, Melody Powell, Heather Wade, Phillip Lewallen. Leaders include Paulette O'Neal, June Hall, Elaine Hardison, and Sally Parrish. Pastor is Jackie Yow.

Biggersville Church (Alcorn) dedicated its new education building on Sept. 11. Raybon Richardson is pastor.

Tate Street Church, Corinth, participated in its third missions revival this year by sending pastor Mike Burczynski and associate pastor James Lewis to hold services in Powhatan Point, Ohio, Sept. 20-22. Both men preached each night. In addition, Lewis led the music. Earlier in the summer, Burczynski led a series of revival meetings in Pennsylvania. In July, he and an adult group from Tate Street did visitation and survey, led Backyard Bible Clubs, and held revival services in Kellogg, Idaho.

### Revival Results

Casey Creek (Prentiss): Aug. 22-26; Joe Holcomb, pastor of Grace Memorial, Tupelo, evangelist; Harvey Reeves, pastor; 10 professions of faith, for baptism.

Sidon (Leflore): Sept. 11-16; Ken Boyette, pastor; Joe Holcomb, pastor of Grace Memorial Church, Tupelo, Lee County, evangelist; seven professions of faith; three by letter; "23 public commitments to Christ for the first time."



"SHARE HIS LOVE," a recognition service for Acteens and GAs, was held at ROME CHURCH Aug. 28. Girls honored were, front row, 1 to r: Ruby Kennedy, Amy Burchfield, Chrystie Gibson. Second row: Lisa Livingston, Sherry Burchfield, Michelle Burchfield, and Elizabeth Paris. David Howell is pastor.



GA's at New Zion, Braxton, were honored by the church on completion of their Missions Adventures projects. In a Christmas in August project, they sent a box of supplies to a missionary in Arizona. The girls are, left to right: Stephanie Sanders, Patti Shorter, Patricia Bridges, Brenda Dear, Janet Bridges, Tanya Albritton, Melissa Davis. Mrs. Tamra Shepherd is GA director and Don Nerren is pastor.

## Homecomings

### Centennial

West Pleasant Grove Church, Clarke County, will celebrate its 100th anniversary Oct. 9. Hardee Kennedy, a former pastor there, will speak at the 11 a.m. service, and C. Z. Holland, a former member, will speak at the 2 p.m. service.

Zion Hill (Copiah): Oct. 16; 100th anniversary — centennial celebration; morning service at 10:45; dinner on the grounds; former pastors to give testimonies; lengthy time to be allotted for fellowship in the afternoon; J. Frank Smith, pastor.

Sabougla Church (Calhoun): Oct. 2; homecoming; dinner on the grounds; church celebrating its centennial.

Stonewall (Simpson): Oct. 2; homecoming; Bobby Jones, pastor, to preach at the regular morning service at 11; dinner on the grounds; singing in the afternoon.

Wheeler Grove (Alcorn): homecoming; Oct. 16; theme, "God and Country" special ceremonies to begin at 10:30 a.m., to "honor our Lord and our nation's veterans."

Algoma Church: homecoming; Oct. 9; at 10:30 a.m. Roger Stacy, First Church, Black Hawk, S.D., to deliver the message which will be followed with "dinner on the ground"; at 1:30 p.m., a program to be presented by a group from Pontotoc, First Church; Kenny Adair, pastor.

First Church, Rose Hill: Oct. 2; homecoming; old-fashioned day; Sunday School at 10 a.m.; worship service at 11 a.m.; dinner on the grounds; afternoon service to include old-fashioned singing and preaching; Steve Pouncey, pastor.

Weathersby (Simpson): homecoming; Oct. 2; dinner on the grounds after the 11 a.m. service; music program in afternoon; special offering to be designated for erecting a fence around the cemetery.

Nola (Lawrence): homecoming; Oct. 9; former pastor, Vance Windom, Mission Hill (Lincoln, speaker for the 11 a.m. service, after Sunday School; H. L. Deer, Laurel, speaking in afternoon, at 1:30; Deacons Quartet, Motticello, to present special music; dinner on the grounds; Thomas Goza, pastor.

## Gaventa to head med department

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—William C. Gaventa, missionary physician in Nigeria, has been named director of the medical services department of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Gaventa, chief medical officer at Baptist Medical Center, Ogbomoso, will replace Merrill D. Moore Jr., who resigned from the newly created post in April because of family needs.

Gaventa will manage health care for foreign missionaries, help enlist and evaluate medical missionary candidates and volunteers, and coordinate the board's medical mission conferences and symposiums. He will also be liaison to the Baptist Medical-Dental Fellowship.

Thinking is something no one has ever been able to tax.—C. F. Kettering.

## Names In The News

John Dent, instructor of New Testament and Greek at Clarke College, was officially sworn in as chaplain of the 186 Tactical Reconnaissance Group, Mississippi Air National Guard, at Key Field, Meridian, on Aug. 26. Dent served four years active duty with the U. S. Air Force during which time he served tours in Vietnam and Taiwan. He participated in the Chaplain Candidate program while attending New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and was commissioned Chaplain of the Air Force Reserve in 1981, serving at Keesler Air Force Base. He was transferred to the 926 Tactical Fighter Group in New Orleans where he served in 1982 and 83. He is currently writing his dissertation for a doctor of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary. Also he is currently teaching I Corinthians and is available for January Bible studies.

Jerry W. Stevens, director of missions, Winston Association, Louisville, will be among those receiving a doctor of ministry degree from the Southern Baptist Center for Biblical Studies on Oct. 14. The Center is a part of the Seminary Extension system of the Southern Baptist seminaries. Stevens did his seminars while pastor of Calvary, Columbus. He did his doctoral project on the subject, "A Christian Managing Money." He holds a B.A. degree from Blue Mountain College and a master of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary. The graduation exercises are to be held in Gainesville, Fla.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Missouri Baptist Convention executive Ira Peak Jr. has been chosen to receive the Americans United Religious Liberty Award for his work in opposition to the calling of a national constitutional convention. Peak, 41, is director of Missouri Baptists' Department of Christian Moral Concerns. He battled in the Missouri legislature for two years against a resolution calling for a constitutional convention on a balanced federal budget.

Peak was given the award at the 36th National Conference on Church and State Sept. 22 in Washington, D.C.

Jack Gazaway is available for supply preaching, interim pastorate, or full-time pastorate. He may be reached through mail at Route 1, Box 137, Brooksville, Miss. 39739, or by phone at 738-4720.

## Missionary News

James and Linda Barron, missionaries to Ghana, are in the States on furlough (address: 327 N. Circle Dr., Clarksdale, Miss. 38614).

John and Frances Buckley, missionaries to Bangladesh, may be addressed at Box 3, Feni, Bangladesh. He is a native of Picayune, Miss. She was born in Gibson, Miss.

Glenn and Polly Morris, missionaries to Hong Kong-Macao, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: 169 Boundary St., Kowloon, Hong Kong). She is from Hattiesburg.

Paul and Margie Thibodeaux, missionaries to Eastern Europe, may be addressed at Cackoviceva 17, 41000 Zagreb, Yugoslavia. He was born in New Orleans, La., and considers Oxford, Miss., his hometown. The former Margie Harris, she was born in Palmouth, Mass., and considers Oxford, Miss., her hometown.

Thomas and Nancy Gray, special project medical workers to Nigeria, have completed their term of service and returned to the States (address: c/o Tom Mathes, Pleasant Grove, Miss. 38657).

## Revival Dates

Valley Hill Church (Carroll-Montgomery Association): Oct. 2-7; services at noon and 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; Edsel Bone of Memphis, Tenn., evangelist; Lloyd Gilbert of Baytown, Tex., music leader; Jim Gilbert, pastor; covered dish luncheon Sunday at noon.

Wheeler Grove Church (Alcorn): Oct. 9-14; James Rutledge of Fredonia Church, Union County, evangelist; Kara Blackard, pastor; at 7:30 nightly.

West Corinth Church, Corinth: Oct. 2-6; Bill Duncan, pastor, Fin., Booneville, preaching; Wayne Campbell, pastor; at 7 p.m. Sun.; 7:00 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.

Calvary, Waynesboro: Oct. 2-5; services on Sunday at 11 a.m. and nightly at 7; Mickey Castleberry, pastor of Ridgecrest Church, Birmingham, Ala., evangelist; music under direction of DeJuan Walley, minister of music at Calvary, Waynesboro; Larry Ballard, pastor.

Cambridge Baptist Church, Gautier: Sept. 25-30; at 7 each night; Paul Lee, evangelist; music, Wade Ivey, pastor; Richard White.

First, Carthage: Oct. 2-6, Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and p.m.; Mon.-Thurs. at 7 p.m.; Larry Taylor, San Antonio, Tex., evangelist; Bruce Rice, Quincy, Ill., music evangelist; Eddie Hamilton, pastor.

Mt. Olive (Carroll): Oct. 2-7; at 7:30 p.m.; David E. Satterwhite, evangelist; Milton Neal, music evangelist; Skipper Maxwell, special Wednesday night concert.

Tate Street Church, Corinth: Oct. 9-14; Bert Harper, pastor, West Jackson Street Church, Tupelo, evangelist; H. G. (Buddy) Earwood, minister of music, Tate Street, leading singing; Mike Burczynski, pastor; at 7:30 nightly.

Goodyear, Picayune: homecoming; Oct. 9; also a revival, Oct. 9-12; Max Patterson, evangelist from Macon, Ga., and former pastor at Goodyear, preaching; Clint Nichols, music professor, New Orleans Seminary, musician; Darryl Wood, pastor.

Glade, Laurel: Oct. 16-20; Glenn Davis, pastor, Calvary, Newton, evangelist; John Kramer, music director; services nightly.

## Staff Changes

Calvary, Waynesboro has just called as minister of music and youth, DeJuan Walley. He is native of Waynesboro, and a graduate of Mobile College and attended New Orleans Seminary through Mobile College Extension. Recently he received a teacher's certificate from Livingston University.

Don Silkwood has accepted the pastorate of Bond Church, Gulf Coast Association.

Steve C. Pouncey has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Rose Hill, Jasper County.

Benny Edwards of Grenada has been called to Friendship, Grenada, as part-time minister of music and youth.

Glenn Shows has accepted the position as minister of education and activities at Woodlawn Church, Vicksburg. He's moving from First Church, Clinton as minister of activities.

J. C. Prather has resigned as associate pastor of First, Carthage, to accept the pastorate of Sturgis Church, Sturgis, effective Oct. 2.

Territory is but the body of a nation. The people who inhabit its hills and valleys are its soul, its spirit, its life.—Garfield.



# "Unfinished symphony"

(Memories)

By Lillian Peters Batson, Macon, Miss.

"Sheep May Safely Graze," Ellenor asked for—A Pastoral by Bach  
Quiet, meditative, full of gentleness and trust.

Maurine requested "Sanctus," the heavenly anthem and music from the pen of Gounod.

When are you going to play "The Lost Chord?" Margaret wants to know.

"The Holy City"—yes—for Ethel Mae. At Christmas or Easter. It takes us "away."

How Helen did love "The Last Spring"! Grieg poured out his soul in this lovely thing.

"The Angel's Serenade" for Edith—also Lawrence—at their last rites: My heart was sorely torn and stirred.

For James—they asked for "Amazing Grace"—How sweet to meet, how sad to part. . . . Organ and congregation rose in mighty swell—To sing an old hymn—known so well.

Borowski's "Adoration" (and memories dear) for Carrie Hibbler and me. Thoughts of Edna, our violinist—and days that were to be.

"Dad" Moor called for "O Happy Day" and lived his religion just that way.

Thornton said, "play 'Pass It On'." Then was too ill to hear it played. But it passed on, into the ether waves for him—and continues to go on and on.

"The Rose of Sharon," Mamma said, "play for me." (This was close to the end of her earthly life.) And I did, on the piano, with tears streaming down my face. Remembering my childhood—when her clear sweet voice sang "There's a rose that is blooming for me."

The trumpet sounds (on the organ) of Rossini's "Stabat Mater" brought praise from Jimmy, whose daughter, Jane, had lured notes of gold from the church organ in her high school days.

Montreat: A 300-voiced choir of professionals sang "Agnus Dei," led by the Master—Oh: the spirit—consumed singing of "Lo! the Star of Jacob Shining" From valley to mountain top, to stars it soared—and into thousands of hearts and souls who listened—but especially into mine, one of the singers.

When I played "How Tedious and Tasteless the Hours" I remember Papa, who looked with hope for the "Rapture." But died so young.

The children say, "Play the Chimes"—and I do. On Sunday they listen for "Jesus Loves Me." "When He Cometh to Gather His Jewels," "Jacob's Ladder," and "He's Got the Whole Wide World in His Hand."

"Saviour, Like A Shepherd Lead Us," they say, at Glenn's

funeral in 1916—a song new to a child—But how it comforted our broken and bleeding hearts!

After a serious operation, I saw Walter's lips moving—Bending closer, heard the distinct whispering lines of "Brethren, We have Met to Worship."

Kate and Davis want to hear "The Love of God"—And Broox asks for "When They Ring Those Golden Bells for You and Me."

Clarence hears the Air Force choir sing on Corsica, World War II—when I play for him "Be Still, My Soul."

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save" is the favorite of Jim—who whistles it with vibrant sounds. And "The Navy Hymn" used at so many funerals—Especially for J. Edgar Hoover, a solemn sympathy of praise.

Wrightman asked for "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" And the "Doxology"—when they "laid away" Our Beloved Ed Hardin.

Peggy and E.C. gave me music for "There Is A City," And wanted to hear it—When I did play it, they were absent that Sunday.

Dorothy's Mother loved "His Eye is on the Sparrow"—a favorite—and it's one of mine.

"Wonderful Words of Life," to remember "Miss" Fannie; her entire life was an echo of that song.

Bro. Poole called for "I Shall Not Be Moved"—And from an old hymn book (supplied by Wyatt) I wrote an anthem, involving choir, pastor, and congregation:

Always appreciation from Nadine and C.F. Coming to all the weddings (no children of their own), But valuing their invitations and enjoying the "beautiful" organ music—and told me so.

"Near to the Heart of God" was dear to the heart of Jessie. She loved it—chimes and organ.

Brown's choice was "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" and for Juanita, "Abide With Me." They said, "Aren't we glad Mary Lillian touched our lives with her music?"

No way to remember all the requests—But I played for you, also. Revivals, prayer meetings, and Sundays—Special times in special places and in many churches: Wedding bells or funeral knell—Over the years—from childhood on.

For my gift of music, I praise the Lord! For all who listened and were "lifted up" I give thanks to him for whom all blessings flow. Through my fingers I try to speak the message that makes us "weep, and laugh and wonder and worship."

## SCRAPBOOK

### Psalms 1:1-3

Tall, majestic, sturdy, unwavering—An oak tree. Alone you are In the midst of Swaying shrubs. Spreading your branches Won't you encompass me And give me shade from the pouncing sun And shelter from the raging wind And fruit from your outstretched boughs? Cool me Protect me Feed me. Selfish? Perhaps And yet there is nothing Of me to give. You are the mighty oak I am the squirrel. You are as soothing as a summer's breeze As stimulating as a cool, welcomed rain. Sometimes I hear your voice in The rustle of the leaves. Sometimes you stand silent. Your strength awes me. It frightens me. It humbles me. The acorns at your feet and The squirrel scampering to and fro Thank you.

—Hope Starnes  
Greenville

### Small steps

Do not despair that you cannot change The world in a day or two. Instead, just give your very best In the little things you do. Then you will find in days to come When taken all together, These little steps did change and make The world a little better. —Thomas C. Gallagher  
Gulfport

### "As Jesus sees. . ."

If Baptists saw as Jesus sees We would be on bended knees Thanking him for blessings each day And remembering others as we pray, Asking forgiveness for our sin Pleading with him to please come in Going out to seek the lost Bringing them in no matter the cost Helping the blind, the sick, the lame Doing it all in the Master's name.

—Zilpha Ellis Huber, 90  
Starkville

## Off the Record

A rookie policeman was asked, in an oral exam, what he would do to disperse a threatening mob. After a few minutes of thoughtful concentration, he looked up brightly and said, "I'd start to take up a collection."—Quote

It was a busy day at the doctor's office. One elderly patient had to wait an unusually long time. The doctor was very apologetic. Replied the older, "Oh, I don't mind, Doc, but I thought you would prefer treating my ailment in its earlier stages."

The owner of a racehorse was very angry when his horse lost. He confronted his jockey in the paddock. "Why didn't you ride him through that hole when it opened up on the final turn?" the owner demanded.

"Sir," said the jockey, "did you ever try to go through a hole that was going faster than your horse?"

Have you heard about the man on a bus who asked the woman seated next to him if his cigar smoking would bother her? "No," she replied, "not if my getting sick doesn't bother you."

A rich old electric company stockholder, explaining his wealth to his grandchildren, stated that it was the result, not so much of the number of shares purchased initially, but rather the length of time he had held them. "Why," said he, "when I bought this stock the company was known as 'General Candle!'"

## Liverpool will mark 110th year

Liverpool Church (Yazoo County) will observe its 110th year on Oct. 2 with a homecoming. The 11 a.m. worship service will be followed by a covered basket dinner on the grounds and an afternoon service at 1:15.

The evangelist for the morning will be James Pender of Bentonla. The evangelist for the afternoon will be a former pastor, Halbert R. Selby, now pastor of Ogden (Yazoo). The song director will be Leon Giddings of Yazoo City. There will be special music for each service.

Liverpool Baptist Church was constituted on Oct. 8, 1873, with nine members. At that time it was called New Prospect. The pastor was G. A. Grammer. In 1885 the name was changed to Liverpool. On July 23, 1885, J. M. Jackson deeded 3 1/5 acres of land to Liverpool Baptist Church. The present resident membership is 29.

## Devotional

### The Lord will never fail you

By Robert H. Perry, Sr., pastor, First, Waynesboro  
Joshua 1:5-6

It is sad to say, but there are some poor souls so shallow that they have no depths; and they go through life, apparently, without discovering how superficial they really are. Their existence is all on the surface, seen one moment, gone the next. They have no center of faith, no hidden altar for the soul to cling to in life's failing moments. But the dedicated Christian, who has made his body a temple of the Holy Spirit, knows that he has this treasure in his life, cased in an earthen vessel, and its capacity is often pushed to the limit to contain the glory and fulfill the word which has been revealed to him. That was the case with Joshua as he stood that day before the Lord of Hosts. He was not afraid of God. He was afraid of himself. There is a fear that is born of guilt, coming swiftly behind the consciousness of wrongdoings. There is a fear that is born of cowardice, and at a crisis it breeds a fatal paralysis of mind and will.

But Joshua was not afflicted with either of these. He could meet the divine scrutiny with his heart unveiled, because within his conscience was clear. In the fateful hour of battle he had never faltered, nor turned his back to the foe. But, now, as he looked across Jordan and thought of the coming days and the part that he must play, he suddenly was conscious of a tremor he had never felt before. He must bear the burden, and he felt unequal to the load.

At his moment of need, God spoke—as he will today—"Be strong—I will not fail thee."

## Bible Book

### Purpose accomplished

By Harry L. Lucenay, pastor, Temple, Hattiesburg  
Ephesians 1:1-23

No part of the New Testament has more contemporary relevance than the letter to the Ephesians. This epistle, in its message of a divine purpose being accomplished by the mighty acts of God in Christ, is a relevant word in our struggle for meaning in a world where billions seek significance and security. The central theme opens the treasury of the grace of God and shows the sufficiency of his resources to allow all things to come to ultimate unity in Christ Jesus.

This "Queen of the Epistles" was probably written in late 62 A.D. while Paul was a prisoner in Rome awaiting the outcome of his appeal to Caesar (Nero). It was written to the "saints" at Ephesus. Since some of the oldest manuscripts do not include the name Ephesus, many believe this was a circular letter in which each church was allowed to place her name. The term "saints" refers to the persons who had trusted Jesus Christ as their Savior.

God's purpose in Christ (1:3-6)—The "spiritual blessings" Paul writes about are literally whatever our spiritual lives require. The source of these ample provisions is God the Father who made us rich in Christ Jesus. The sphere of the these blessings is not to be limited to a physical locality. It is not the heaven of the future, but the kingdom of God which lies even now within and around the Christian.

The text states "he hath chosen us." Paul never thought of himself as having chosen God—it was the other way: God had chosen him (John 15:16). How we perceive ourselves determines the direction of our lives and shapes our relationships. To accept, at the depth of our being, that we are chosen by God is the antidote for our insecurity, our neurotic fears, our striving to be accepted, our self deception. We are chosen to be distinctly different from the world. We strive to present unblemished lives as a living offering to God (Romans 12:1, 2).

We are "adopted." One does not get into God's family through adoption. Family membership only comes through personal regeneration. Adoption is the act of God by which he gives his "born ones" an adult standing in the family.

We are told we are "predestined." Predestination refers primarily to what God does for saved people. Nowhere in the Bible are we taught that people are predestined to hell, because the Word refers only to God's

people. Predestination seems to refer to purposes, while election refers to people (i.e. Acts 4:5-28; Ephesians 1:5; Romans 8:29-30).

The design of redemption is to exhibit the grace of God in such a conspicuous manner as to fill all hearts with wonder and awe with praise.

God's provision in Christ (1:7-8)—We have the specific redemption which comes through Jesus Christ. To redeem is to release or purchase with a set fee. When Jesus purchased through his blood men who were slaves to sin, he set men free in permanent, irrevocable redemption. We respond to his mercy in "wisdom and prudence."

God's promise to believers (1:13-14)—When Paul speaks of salvation, he uses three tenses. We have been saved from the penalty of sin (regeneration), we are being saved from the power of sin (sanctification), and we shall be saved from the presence of sin (glorification). The past aspect is often emphasized more because it is an accomplished fact and can be announced as good news.

The Holy Spirit does the sanctifying work today giving us the wisdom and strength to walk with God. The presence of the Holy Spirit is a guarantee of the fuller inheritance of our redemption.

The term "sealed with the promised Holy Spirit" is most meaningful. The seal authenticates, that which is genuine, renders secure and denotes ownership. The presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Christian is token and proof that he belongs to God.

The term "earnest" means "down payment to guarantee the final purchase of some commodity or piece of property." The Holy Spirit is God's first installment to guarantee to his children that he will finish his work and eventually bring them to glory.

Great prayer for understanding (1:15-20a)—Paul's pastoral heart overflowed with an abiding desire for the energizing power of God to infuse his fellow believers. Paul's mood is one in which, thinking of those for whom he prays, he is thankful; and thinking of the God to whom he prays, he is thrilled.

The prayer begins with the desire that the readers may be given by God the ability to know fully all the blessings that are theirs in Christ. Wisdom is the gift of God which is gained through the unfolding of the rich, eternal truths of God. Revelation is the activity of God, not a faculty of man.

## Uniform

### The problem: sin

By Clarence H. Cutrell, Jackson  
Jeremiah 2:9-13; Romans 1:18, 28 to 2:1, 11

Years ago I heard a preacher who was attempting to help his listeners understand the heinous nature of sin. He said he would demonstrate how to spell sin. "First," he said, "I stand up as straight as I can. Then I place a very small 's' on my right side and a very small 'n' on my left side. Then I find myself, a great big 'I' right in the middle of 'sin' and no matter how one looks at sin he will always find a big 'I,' the ego, himself, in the middle of it." Sin is man's greatest problem.

But the gospel is called the good news because it announces to all men that "while we were yet sinners Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). Redemption for man came because God loved the sinner and offered him a solution to the problem of sin.

1. The incredible act of sin. (Jer. 2:9-13). In The Expositor's Bible on page 76 of The Prophecies of Jeremiah, C. J. Ball states that these verses record one of Jeremiah's earliest sermons, possibly the first. He calls it "a first outburst of inspired zeal." Certainly it is one of the strongest indictments God ever spoke against his chosen nation.

Among all of the peoples with whom Israel had been associated not one could be found who had turned away from their gods, which were truly no gods. Yet God's people across the years had repeatedly committed the unbelievable, inexplicable, incredible act of turning away from Jehovah. They had "changed their glory for that which doth not profit."

This act of sin had become so consistently a characteristic of his people that the Lord could say here, "I will yet plead with you and with your children's children." For he knew full well that generation after generation of mankind would be found walking in the same pathway of disobedience.

And so destitute of reason are man's choices that they can be compared to a man deliberately turning away from a spring of living water and disclaiming any privileges or rights therein only to go about in the most propitious places distributing leaking barrels to catch the few drops of rain which might fall. Surely this is a fact for Robert L. Ripley's collection, Believe It Or Not.

2. The indescribable attitude toward sin (Rom. 1:18, 28-32). In verses 24, 26, and 28 Paul makes these statements about sinful man, "God also gave them up to uncleanness, . . . gave them up unto vile affections, . . . gave them over to a reprobate mind." All of this seems to indicate that the most horri-

ble thing God can do to the recalcitrant sinner is to withdraw all of his beneficent influence from him and turn him loose upon himself. All of the corrupted fruits of man's attitude toward sin are categorized in these verses and still he continues in his illogical pursuit of pleasure and happiness.

Numerous phrases are used by Paul in this passage to indicate that all of this grows out of the indescribable attitude that fallen man has toward sin. They became "vain in their imaginations," "changed the truth of God unto a lie," "did not like to retain God in their knowledge." But this word is clear. Those who adopt this attitude are "without excuse." Surely Fred L. Fischer is right when he says in Christianity Is Personal, p. 57, "The trouble with man is in his heart; he is evil."

3. The inescapable accountability for sin (Rom. 2:1, 5-6, 11). It has been man's practice since the beginning to seat himself on the throne of the scornful and pass judgment upon the way "they" live and the things "they" do. And all the while he closes his eyes to the inescapable fact of his own accountability to God for his deeds.

To make his life more bearable and logical, he invents new names for sin and the sinner. He calls the sinner "sophisticated," failing to take account of the fact that no person is "in the know" until he accepts the fact of God's existence and power and that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." He speaks today of "the beautiful people," referring to those whose lives indicate a total lack of those characteristics which come from the "hidden man of the heart" and constitute the true source of beauty. He sees the term, "the worldly man," as though it indicates honor and prestige, whereas the child of God has been taught to abhor the thought of being called worldly. He also says, "You've come a long way," referring to woman's new freedom. But according to those who have popularized this statement, the only way in which this new freedom has been exercised is the way of evil.

But in spite of all of man's devious ways to make sin reputable, his accountability is inescapable. Frank Staggs sums it up tersely in his article, "The Plight of Jew and Gentile in Sin" in The Review and Expositor, Vol. LXXIII, No. 4, p. 402, "The problem of sin is not that one may get caught; it is that sin carries ruin within itself. It is not the detection of sin that is to be dreaded; it is its presence."

## Life and Work

### Chosen by God

By Larry W. Fields, pastor, Harrisburg, Tupelo  
(1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13)

This week's lesson deals with God's selection of David to be king over Israel. We remember David as one of the great men in the Old Testament writings. He ranks with Abraham, Moses, and Isaiah as strong leaders and good examples for us today.

David was gifted as an administrator, soldier, poet, and king. His call as God's anointed came when he was but a lad. He did not actually become king until many years after Samuel set him apart. The occasion of this lesson is God's rejection of Saul, the first king, proved inadequate. Samuel would be commissioned to anoint a new king.

This lesson teaches us that all Christians have a call or appointment by God to use their talents and gifts according to his will. Some will be set aside for full-time, vocational Christian work. Others are to minister for Christ in and through their secular vocations from us in the present. God called Samuel out of his depression and gave specific instructions about I. God chooses a new king (1 Samuel 16:1).

The heads of the tribes of Israel had desired a king. (1 Samuel 8:5, 20). Samuel rejected the idea, but God led him to allow them to have their way. Saul was the logical choice. He was strong, tall, handsome, and demonstrated courage. The people could easily follow him. Outwardly, he was well qualified, but later developments proved that he was arrogant and disobedient. God gave Saul an opportunity that he squandered.

God's rejection of Saul was depressing to Samuel. Saul's failure disappointed Samuel because he saw so much in him. He was concerned about the reaction of the people to a change. He didn't see any good prospects to take over except for Saul's son, Jonathan, who could not be considered because he was of Saul's family.

God's question to Samuel indicates that he had carried his depression and sorrow to an extreme. It was time to stop mourning over past failures and what might have been and start thinking of present and future possibilities under new leadership. There are times when our grief over past failures or our longing for "the good old days" of the past prevent us from doing what God wants from us in the present. God called Samuel out of his depression and gave specific instructions about the

family of the new king. II. God rejects the obvious (1 Samuel 16:6-7).

Samuel obeyed and traveled to Bethlehem to seek out the sons of Jesse. After calming the inhabitants by informing them of the purpose of his visit, he sets out to find the new king among Jesse's sons. Jesse's eldest son entered first. Eliab was the tallest, strongest, and most mature of the sons. His physical appearance was remarkably similar to that of Saul. Samuel assured that this would be the obvious choice and the best choice for king. Yet, God revealed to him that Eliab was not the choice. God sees men differently than we do. We look at outward circumstances; God looks at the inner self.

One by one all seven sons made an appearance before Samuel and they were each one rejected. There surely must have been disappointment and bewilderment on the faces of Samuel and Jesse. Had Samuel misunderstood God's instructions?

III. God reveals his choice (1 Samuel 16:10-13).

Confused by the results, Samuel asked Jesse if the seven were his only sons. Jesse replied that there was one other but that he had not been presented because of his young age. The eighth son was David, who was tending sheep, which was considered a menial task assigned to the least important son or servant.

Samuel asked to see the lad. David was described as "ruddy" or red-headed, fair, with a handsome appearance.

God led Samuel to anoint David as the new king. God's ways are not always man's ways. This choice was not logical to Samuel and Jesse, but they accepted it as God's will. Divine energy and wisdom would be bestowed on David for his task.

God never calls us to a special work unless he has already planned to equip us for that task. He did not choose David because of what he had done but because of what David could do, when he fully yielded to him.

The same is true for us. God calls us to specific tasks as we represent his love and will in a world torn by sin and hate. May we be responsive to his call and like David, prepared to follow regardless of our circumstances.